

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium comprising:

a main-information area in which a metal reflection film is formed on a substrate where a row of pits is formed as main data, and in which information is to be reproduced by irradiating said metal reflection film with a beam of light;

a sub-information area in which medium identification information is to be recorded by removing said metal reflection film partially so as to form a plurality of reflection-film removed areas, wherein the medium identification information is to be used to identify the optical recording medium individually; and

at least one of a row of pits or and a guide groove formed on the substrate in said sub-information area, with wherein a track pitch of said at least one of row of pits or and guide groove being is at least 0.24 μ m wide and at most 0.45 μ m wide,

wherein said sub-information area is located inside of said main information area in the optical recording medium, and

wherein a jitter value of said optical recording medium is at most 6.5%, when said optical recording medium is a single recording layer type of optical recording medium.

Claims 22-40 (Cancelled)

Claim 41 (Currently Amended) An information [[A]] reproducing method for reproducing
the an optical recording medium according to claim 21, said optical recording medium including
wherein said metal reflection film is irradiated with a beam of light having a wavelength
of 405 nm to reproduce information in:

(i) ~~at~~the main-information area ~~in which a metal reflection film is formed on a~~
substrate where a row of pits is formed ~~as main data, and; and~~ and

(ii) ~~at~~the sub-information area ~~in which formed on the substrate is a row of pits or~~
a guide groove having a track pitch that is at least 0.24 μ m wide and at most 0.45 μ m wide, and in
which ~~is recorded~~ the medium identification information is recorded

~~, used to identify the optical recording medium individually, by removing said metal reflection-~~
~~film partially so as to form a plurality of reflection-film removed areas,~~

—— ~~said method comprising:~~

—— ~~reproducing information by irradiating said metal reflection film with a beam of light.~~